

## **Creel Survey**

January 24, 2010

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### **Salmon/Steelhead**

**Cowlitz River** – 39 bank anglers kept 2 steelhead while 3 boat anglers had no catch.

Last week, Tacoma Power recovered 102 winter-run steelhead, nine coho adults, three jacks and one cutthroat trout during four days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator. During the week Tacoma Power employees released three coho adults, one jack and three winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and eleven winter-run steelhead, four coho adults and one jack into Lake Scanewa behind Cowlitz Falls Dam.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 10,100 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 25. Water visibility is nine feet.

**Salmon Creek (Clark Co.)** – High effort but no catch was observed.

**The Dalles Pool** – Light effort though some steelhead are being caught.

**John Day Pool** – Bank anglers are catching some steelhead.

### **Sturgeon**

**Lower Columbia mainstem from the Wauna powerlines to Bonneville Dam** – 2 boats/4 anglers in the Cowlitz/Kalama area and 2 boats/4 anglers in the Vancouver area had no catch as did 3 bank anglers in Longview and 15 just below Bonneville Dam.

**Bonneville Pool** – Over half the boat anglers sampled had kept a legal size fish. Bank anglers were also catching some legals.

**The Dalles and John Day pools** – Light effort and no legal catch was observed.

### **Walleye and Bass**

**Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools** – Generally little to no effort. Boat anglers are catching some walleye in The Dalles Pool. No effort was observed for bass in the three pools.

### **Trout**

**Silver Lake near Castle Rock** – Low effort and no catch was observed.

**Kress Lake near Kalama** – Average effort and catch.

**Klinline Pond** – 29 bank anglers kept 8 brood stock rainbows and 3 catchable size rainbows. Water level is high – most catch in the swimming area. Planted with 210 brood stock rainbows averaging 4 pounds each Jan. 20.

**Horseshoe (in Woodland), Battleground, and Vancouver lakes** – No effort. Battleground Lake was planted with 3,029 catchable size rainbows Jan. 19.

**Kidney Lake near North Bonneville** – Planted with 1,000 rainbows just under ½ pound each Jan. 19.

**Smelt**

**Lower Columbia mainstem** – 2,000 pounds were landed from the commercial fishery last week.

**Washington tributaries** – Unconfirmed reports of recent birds/seal activity in the Deep, Grays, and Cowlitz River. The Cowlitz remains closed to sport dipping until Feb. 6; all other tributaries will remain closed.

# WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary <sup>1</sup>

January 18 - 24, 2010

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

## Sturgeon

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool	50	37		5		10	8	25	74	6	15		20	30
The Dalles Pool	19				1	6	4	8	5				12	18
John Day Pool	12	2					1	2	2			1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>39</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48</b>

## Salmonids

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool																
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead																
The Dalles Pool							1	2		1	1		7	7		
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead										1	1		7	7		
John Day Pool	11		1	1		3	1	1						3		
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead			1	1		3								3		

## Walleye

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool									
The Dalles Pool					2	2		2	2
John Day Pool					1	1			

## Bass

Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept	2010 Cum Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool									
The Dalles Pool									
John Day Pool									

<sup>1</sup> Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (% of 4-week average)	191%	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.83	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.27	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (% of 4-week average)	52%	33%	200%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.22	1.00	1.00	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.50	1.00	none
John Day	Effort (% of 4-week average)	93%	178%	200%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.36	0.17	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.08	none	none